

1. 1. A handheld device for rapidly and easily inputting  
2 text, comprising: a display for showing the input of text; and  
3 a touch pad disposed adjacent said display that simulates a  
4 keyboard, said touch pad being pressure sensitive, wherein  
5 finger pressure will input textual information upon said  
6 display.

1 2. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,  
2 wherein said device further comprises means for indicating  
3 finger positions on said touch pad.

1 3. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,  
2 wherein said device further comprises means for adjusting  
3 pressure threshold of said touch pad, below which said display  
4 is dormant and above which said finger positions are  
5 displayed.

1 4. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,  
2 wherein said touch pad comprises a keyboard simulated for  
3 ergonomic placement of fingers.

1. 5. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,  
2 wherein said touch pad comprises a simulated standard keyboard  
3 configuration.

1 6. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,  
2 wherein said touch pad comprises a multiplicity of finger  
3 sensitive pressure zones.

1 7. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,  
2 wherein said touch pad is positioned behind said display.

1 8. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,  
2 wherein said display comprises an LCD screen.

1 9. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,  
2 wherein said display comprises means for displaying text in a  
3 word processing format.

1. 10. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,  
2 wherein said touch pad comprises means for adjusting finger  
3 pressure necessary for activating said keyboard and inputting  
4 text.

1 11. A handheld portable electronic device for inputting  
2 text in a relatively rapid manner, comprising:

3 a display for showing the input of text; and

4 a touch pad disposed adjacent said display that  
5 simulates a keyboard, said touch pad being pressure  
6 sensitive, wherein finger pressure inputs finger  
7 positions and textual information upon said display.

8 12. The handheld portable electronic device in  
9 accordance with claim 11, wherein said device further  
2 comprises means for distinguishing thresholds for pressure  
3 applied to said touch pad.  
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13. The handheld portable electronic device in  
accordance with claim 12, wherein pressure below a  
predetermined threshold applied to said touch pad by the  
fingers of a user results in said display indicating positions  
of said fingers relative to said touch pad and pressure above  
said predetermined threshold applied to said touch pad by the  
fingers of a user results in said textual information being  
entered into said device and displayed on said display.

14. The handheld portable electronic device in  
accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad comprises a  
keyboard simulated for ergonomic placement of fingers.

15. The handheld portable electronic device in  
accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad comprises a  
simulated standard keyboard configuration.

16. The handheld portable electronic device in  
accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad comprises a  
multiplicity of finger sensitive pressure pads.

17. The handheld portable electronic device in  
accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad is positioned  
behind said display.

18. The handheld portable electronic device in  
accordance with claim 11, wherein said display comprises an  
LCD screen.

19. The handheld portable electronic device in  
accordance with claim 11, wherein said display comprises means  
for displaying text in a word processing format.

20. The handheld portable electronic device in  
accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad comprises  
means for adjusting finger pressure necessary for activating  
said touch pad and inputting text.